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II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5, 7, 8, and 10-24 remain pending. Claims 25-32 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant respectfully acknowledges the examiner's indication that claims 2-5, 7-8, and 10-24 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 25, and 28-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,075,412 to Bainvoll (Bainvoll) in view of U.S. Patent 6,324,385 to Nagano, et al. (Nagano). As noted above, claims 25 and 28-30 have been cancelled.

Claims 26, 31, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bainvoll and Nagano in view of U.S. Patent 6,448,857 to Quintanar et al. (Quintanar). As noted above, claims 26, 31, and 32 have been cancelled.

Claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bainvoll and Nagano in view of U.S. Patent 6,445,732 to Beamish et al. (Beamish). Claim 27 has been cancelled.



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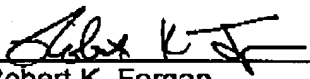
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Accordingly, the examiner's rejections to claims 25-32 are now moot. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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